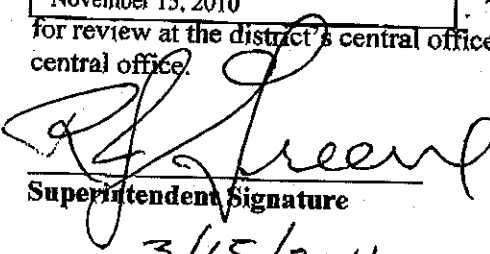


**Application of Waiver of Administrative Regulations
Kentucky Board of Education**

As superintendent of the Paducah Independent school district, I am requesting a waiver under KRS 156.160(2)(a) of the following Kentucky Administrative Regulation(s) promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education. The waiver(s) is requested in order to remove barriers that exist to implementing certain strategies in our district designed to improve learning. These waiver requests were reviewed and approved at a meeting of the Paducah Independent Board of Education on November 15, 2010. The approval is contained in the board minutes that are available for review at the district's central office. The original copy of this request is also available at the district's central office.


Superintendent Signature

Date

3/15/2011

Dr. Randy Greene, Superintendent

Print Name of Primary Point of Contact

Point of Contact Phone and E-mail

Waivers are requested for the following Kentucky Administrative Regulations. Please note: The Kentucky Board of Education can only review requests for waiver under the following "Titles" of the Kentucky Administrative regulations: 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 707. You cannot request a waiver for any regulation that relates to: health and safety; civil rights; federal law; and regulations related to state assessment and accountability. You may access the regulations at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/titles.htm>.

Please include the numerical reference and description of the regulation:

1. 704 KAR 3:305 Minimum requirements for high school graduation
2.
3.
4.

Please describe the justification for your waiver request. Please include the specific language that you wish to have relief from and what your expected outcome is. Also, include your plan to measure the effectiveness of the initiative you propose. Please reference the administrative regulation in your response and complete a separate text box for each regulation for which you are requesting a waiver.

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Paducah Independent Schools has many students who take Algebra I in the seventh grade and others who take Geometry during the 8th grade year from a certified math teacher. All of these students are very bright and some want to continue in Math but others want to go in a different direction when they graduate. Many of them, during their junior and senior year at Paducah Tilghman High School, may want to take music, art, foreign language, college classes, etc. in place of the extra math classes.

We are asking that these students be given relief from the requirement in 704 KAR 3:305 that states that students take a math course every year of high school. The criteria for a student to be eligible for this relief are as follows:

- 1) Students will only be eligible to by-pass a math course in their junior and/or senior year.
- 2) Students must have meet the requirement of 704 KAR 3:305(2) that states:
"Mathematics - four (4) courses of mathematics, including three (3) credits that shall include the content contained in the Kentucky core academic standards for mathematics and include the following minimum requirements:
(a) Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. An integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, occupational, or technical course that prepares a student for a career path based on the student's individual learning plan may be substituted for a traditional Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II course on an individual student basis if the course meets the content standards in the Kentucky core academic standards, 704 KAR 3:303;"
- 3) Students must have reportable score of 24 or higher on the math section of the ACT.
- 4) Students who are granted relief from this requirement shall replace the math course(s) with a course that is identified in the student's Individual Learning Plan as a career path course.

The Paducah Independent Schools agree to keep records showing evidence that these criteria have been met and to make available these records as requested by the Kentucky Board of Education. In addition, the Paducah Independent Schools agree, at the request of the Kentucky Board of Education and after an appropriate length of time, to report the KBE on the postsecondary success of these students.

Instructions for submission:

- 1) Complete all parts of this form including filling in all appropriate text boxes.
- 2) Choose a submission method:
 - Fax the completed form to David Cook at (502) 564-9321 OR
 - Scan the form and e-mail it to David Cook at david.cook@education.ky.gov
- 3) If you have any questions concerning the process please do not hesitate to contact David Cook at (502) 564-4201.

Once your request is received, it will be placed on the agenda of the next-scheduled Kentucky Board of Education meeting for review and approval.